

*Piedmontese Plants.*

Dr. Rostan, an excellent botanist, residing at Perrier, in one of the Vaudois valleys in Piedmont, who, besides other additions to the native flora, has rediscovered several plants not known to botanists since the time of Allioni, proposes to publish a collection of 200 species of dried plants, to include the greater part of the rare and less-known species of Western Piedmont. In the list will be found *Arabis pedemontana*, Boiss., *Isatis alpina*, All., *Dianthus furcatus*, Balb., *Cerastium lineare*, All., *Trifolium pannonicum*, L., *Ribes purpureum*, Rost., *Saxifraga valdensis*, DC., *Centaurea Kotschyana*, Heuff., *Campanula Elatines*, L., *Gentiana Rostani*, Reut., *Veronica succulenta*, All., *Allium valdensium*, Reut., and many other very rare species.

The parcels will be carefully made up, the specimens well dried, and several will be given of each of the smaller species.

The price to subscribers who send their names to Dr. Rostan before the 1st of August, 1863, will be 40 francs=32 shillings. Price to non-subscribers £2; in each case exclusive of carriage.

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*Obituary Notice.*—WILLIAM GROVES PERRY.

Died on the 25th of March, 1863, at his residence in New Street, Warwick, Mr. William Groves Perry, at the age of sixty-seven. He was one of the early contributors to Loudon's 'Magazine of Natural History,' and a Fellow of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh. In 1820 he published a work called 'Plantæ Varvicenses Selectæ,' or 'The Botanist's Guide through the County of Warwick,' which, following the 'Flora Midlandica' of Dr. Purton, made considerable additions to what related to the Warwickshire species included in that work, more especially in noting the localities with greater precision. With a view to still greater exactness in this particular, a table was added, showing the distance of the several localities from the nearest market town. This little work was never so well known as it deserved to be, owing probably to its having been published by the author himself at Warwick: it has, however, been long since out of print; and a second edition was in progress at the time of Mr. Perry's death, which we hope some day to see completed and published.

In addition to his botanical studies, Mr. Perry possessed considerable antiquarian knowledge, and was for many years Honorary Secretary of the Warwickshire Natural History and Archaeological Society. As one of the early contributors to a periodical of which the present may be regarded as the continuation, we think this notice of his labours and of his death a proper introduction into our pages; and we are sure that all those with whom he was acquainted, and to whom his unvarying kindness of disposition and liberality in imparting information were known, will feel grateful for its appearance here.